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SENATOR WHITNEY: Well then I want to speak to the point.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Go right ahead.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I have had the Department of Personnel come to me and ask me to introduce some bills, and since I, as a senator, agreed with the head of the Department of Personnel, I felt that it should be introduced. Now I am wondering then if this would mean that I couldn't introduce a bill during the first ten days, maybe I would like to ask Senator Carpenter that question. Does this mean that I could not introduce a bill that the Department of state government came to me and suggested that this was a good bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would say so and you shouldn't do it without the Governor's permission from the department. As close as you are even with the Governor.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well Mr. President, the Governor and I do not always agree.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. Chairman, bringing it up, the Governor said that you were one of the three outstanding senators on this floor and advocated your re-election. How much closer can you get? (laughter)

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well when the Governor agrees with me, then that is fine.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well he will with your six votes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: So... (laughter) I just personally can't accept that. If head of the department comes to me and wants me to introduce a bill and I see there is a need, then I feel that I should have the opportunity of introducing that particular bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think, I agree with Senator Carpenter but I think that we are dealing with a rule change here if we are going or intend to go on a permanent basis and I think that if it is worthy on a temporary basis, that it is worthy on a permanent basis. I would hope that this would be incorporated into our rules. I think that it is only logical that the Governor should be aware of what the departments are doing and I am sure that as Senator Carpenter said before, many times the Governor is not aware and I think that he should be, and I think that it is the proper channels and the way it should be done. I approve of it on a permanent basis, I think that it is a rule change to our rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I will expedite the matter as to, I move that the motion be referred to

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